

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting the telephonic interview on January 20, 2005. Proposed claim language amendments were discussed. The Examiner stated that the proposed claim amendments likely distinguish over the cited art, but may require further consideration and search.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-11 and 14-35 are pending. Claim 35 is new. Claims 1, 6, 16, 22 and 31-35 are independent. Claims 1, 6, 16, 22-26 and 30-34 have been amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Support for the amended recitations in the claims is found throughout the specification.

Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-11 and 14-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,002,394 to Schein et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The claims have been amended to clarify the invention. Claim 31 is representative and recites, *inter alia*:

“ . . . processing a plurality of commercial information . . .
 . . .
 wherein, when a cursor is moved onto a program column of the program guide screen, the commercial information is automatically transmitted from a respective remote network server of the commercial information sponsor and displayed successively in accordance with the remote network server address information comprising the commercial information.” (emphases added)

Applicant submits that Schein does not teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicant submits that there is no teaching or suggestion that, when the cursor is moved onto a program column:

- (1) commercial information is automatically transmitted from a respective remote network server of the commercial information sponsor; and
 - (2) displayed successively on the display
- as recited in claim 1.

First, when the cursor is on a program (or program column) a plurality of commercial information is received from remote servers. Commercial information is obtained, for example, from a Worldwide Web server on the network, so as to display the commercial information on the display screen of the monitor device. Par. [0116]. Each commercial information (a commercial, for example) is transmitted from the remote server of the commercial information sponsor. That is, on the remote server on which the sponsor keeps the commercial information.

Second, the plurality of commercial information is successively displayed. That is, the commercials are displayed one after another displaced temporally from one another. This distinguishes commercial data that is displayed in a list or at the same time.

Thus, a plurality of commercial data can be displayed successively for a single program. Similarly, a plurality of commercial data for a single program can be displayed successively with being shifted temporally in the commercial data display area the displayed program guide. Pars. [0137], [0138] and FIG. 7A-7C.

The Applicant emphasizes that the appropriate definition of “successively” as found in the specification at par. [0138] has a temporal component. That is, a plurality of commercial information is successively displayed one after another in time in the commercial information display area.

“The inventor’s words that are used to describe the invention—the inventor’s lexicography—must be understood and interpreted by the court as they would be understood and interpreted by a person in that field of technology. Thus the court starts the decision making process by reviewing the same resources as would that person, viz., the patent specification and the prosecution history.”

Phillips v. AWH Corp., 363 F.3d 1207 (Fed. Cir. 2004) (emphasis added). *See also Medrad, Inc. v. MRI Devices Corp.*, 401 F.3d 1313, 1319 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (“We cannot look at the ordinary meaning of the term . . . in a vacuum. Rather, we must look at the ordinary meaning in the context of the written description and the prosecution history.”). “As we stated in *Vitronics*, the specification is always highly relevant to the claim construction analysis. Usually, it is dispositive; it is the single best guide to the meaning of a disputed term.” *Phillips* at 1315 (quoting *Vitronics Corp. v. Conceptronics, Inc.*, 90 F.3d 1576, 1582 (Fed. Cir. 1996))

The interpretation of “consecutively” as used in the specification is, “Following in uninterrupted order; consecutive: *on three successive days*.” *The American Heritage Dictionary*

of the English Language: Fourth Edition (2000). Thus, “successively,” as used in the specification includes a temporal component; “the plurality of commercial information for a single program can be successively displayed with being shifted temporally.” Par. [0138]. That is, successively displayed one after another in time. Pars. [0137], [0138].

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 31 is patentable.

For reasons similar to or somewhat similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, amended independent claims 1, 6, 16, 22 and 32-35 are also believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims, discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1 – 35 are believed patentable. In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, providing the basis for a contrary view.

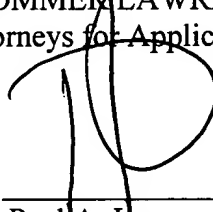
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